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1. INDO-CHINA WAS TOP INTERNATIONAL STORY OF WEEK WITH EDITORIAL TONE, HANDLING OF NEWSPIX AND COPY IN ACCORD WITH LAGOS 3677.

EX: SAMPLE HEADLINES OVER STRAIGHT NEWSAGENCY COPY APR. 25:

"SOUTH VIETNAM DISOWNED" (EXPRESS); "NOW, US FINALLY DESERTS

SOUTH VIETNAMESE: "NO MORE HELP," (DAILY TIMES) OVER STORY COR-

RECTLY QUOTING PRESS. FORD'S NEW ORLEANS SPEECH.

2. NIGERIAN PRESS CONTINUES TO PRAISE OPEC, SUPPORT DEMANDS FOR HIGHER PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS.

APRIL 24: DAILY TIMES EDITORIAL ("OIL: PARIS TALKS STALEMATE)

SAID: "THE PARIS TALKS ENDED IN A DEADLOCK LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE

SABOTAGE TACTICS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES WITH ACTIVE

ASSISTANCE FROM BRITAIN. WITH THE "CONSUMER SOLIDARITY"

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THERE IS LITTLE WONDER THAT THE TALKS ENDED IN A STALEMATE. OR HOW

ELSE CAN ONE EXPLAIN THE REJECTION OF EVEN THE REASONABLE DEMAND OF THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES FOR THE INCLUSION OF OTHER RAW MATERIALS ON THE AGENDA?"

TIMES EDITORIAL CALLED FOR NO OIL-PRICE CUT, SUGGESTED (IN LIGHT OF AMERICA'S DECISION TO CUT CONSUMPTION, SEARCH FOR ENERGY ALTERNATIVES) "AN INTENSIFIED SEARCH FOR DOMESTIC USE OF OIL IN THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THIS WOULD SERVE TWO PURPOSES. IT WILL LESSEN THE INTRIGUES OF THE CONSUMERS' SOLIDARITY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, HELP THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES."

3. OTHERWISE, MEDIA TONE NOT UNFRIENDLY. UPCOMING VISIT OF JUDGE MOTLEY RECEIVED EXCELLENT COVERAGE. RENAISSANCE (APR. 22) CARRIED FULL IPS INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR EASUM, LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS ASSIGNMENT IN LAGOS.
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